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CIA Director Bares Hole in Iron Curtain

By STAN CARTER

Washington, April 14 (NEWS Bureau)—CIA Director Richard Helms disclosed today that "a number of well-placed and courageous Russians" had in previous years passed military secrets to the United States.

The American spy chief said later that the Russian informants included Col. Oleg Penkovskiy, the Soviet military intelligence officer who was shot to death for treason in 1963, "and others."

Helms made the disclosure in his first public speech in five years as head of the Central Intelligence Agency. He spoke to the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

He also told the editors that U.S. intelligence "will have a major and vital role in any international agreement to limit strategic arms," and that it would be "unthinkable to conclude a strategic arms limitation agreement with the Soviet Union without the means for monitoring compliance."

Richard Helms
First speech in 5 years

Background For Cuba

Helms described his agency's role in the 1962 Cuba missile crisis.

"Our intelligence files in Washington—thanks to U-2 photography of the Soviet Union and to a number of well-placed and courageous Russians who helped us—included a wealth of information on Soviet missile systems," Helms said.

"We had descriptions or photographs of the missiles, their transporters, and other associated equipment, and characteristic sites in the Soviet Union. We knew what to look for."

Helms said this information in the CIA's files was used to sort out misleading and erroneous information from Cuba. Then, he said, American reconnaissance planes were able to locate Soviet missile sites under construction on the island.

Questioned after the speech, Helms said it was the first time, to his knowledge, that he CIA had confirmed receiving military informaton from "a number" of Russians. He said published accounts of the 1962 crisis had not revealed this. He said he was making the disclosure to indicate that the CIA had known exactly what to look for in Cuba and was not dependent solely on technological means of obtaining information.

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